

BODY ATTACHMENTS

Enclosed is a copy of the Family Court order recently entered in your case. As you can see, a body attachment was issued for you. The following is some information about that body attachment.

WHY WAS THE BODY ATTACHMENT ISSUED?

The body attachment was issued because you were served with a *witness subpoena* to appear at RI Family Court and **did not appear for your hearing on the court date**. The body attachment is issued for your failure to appear, and **not** because you may or may not owe back child support.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO ME?

A body attachment is entered on the Rhode Island warrant system. If you are stopped for a traffic violation or other offense, you can be detained by the sheriff, a police officer or constable, and either brought before the Rhode Island Family Court, or brought in and held at the ACI until the next family court calendar.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

We encourage you to present yourself to the Rhode Island Family Court where the body attachment was issued, and avoid being picked up by the sheriff.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I SHOW UP ON MY OWN AT FAMILY COURT?

The Family Court *may*:

Withdraw the body attachment and issue an order that you would carry with you to prevent any further apprehensions or;

Withdraw the body attachment and pick a new date for hearing on the case for the other party to be present. You would then appear on that new date or;

Withdraw the body attachment and go forward with the hearing on the motion that was before the court; or

Hold you at the ACI until the other parent can be at the hearing. You will be held to make sure you are present at the next hearing.

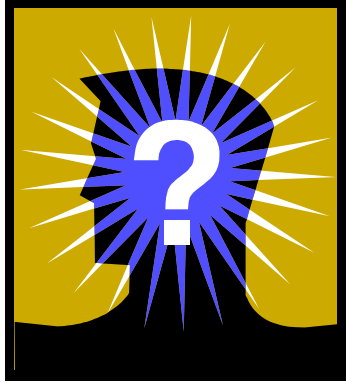
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE SHERIFF PICKS ME UP?

The sheriff will take you immediately to the Rhode Island Family Court to have a hearing. If the Family Court is not in session, you will be brought to the ACI until the next session of the court. You may be ordered to pay the state for the cost of the sheriff's service.

Note: If you have an outstanding misdemeanor or felony arrest warrant for another case, that will most likely be addressed by the Court that issued that other warrant.

**If you have any questions
please contact the Office of
Child Support Services
at:**

**77 Dorrance Street
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401-222-2847**



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